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Mr. Greer Tidwell
Regional Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
345 Courtland Street, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30365

Dear Mr. Tidwell:

I am writing to you regarding the proposed inclusion of the Firestone Tire and Rubber plant in Albany, Georgia, on the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) hazardous waste priority clean-up list.

The Federal Register Comment period is currently underway to determine whether or not the Firestone facility should be placed on the "Proposed Superfund list". It is my understanding that Firestone has cleaned up the chemicals in question and has asked EPA officials to remove the facility from the proposed priority list.

I am very concerned with the potential economic impact that would result if the Firestone facility is placed on the clean-up list. Albany has suffered greatly from the closing of the Firestone plant in 1986 and is eager to attract prospective buyers to the facility for new industrial development. However, the negative connotation that would be associated with the facility if it should be placed on the list, would certainly be a deterrent. I would greatly appreciate any assistance you could render in ensuring that the Firestone facility will not be included on the priority clean-up list. Please let me know if you need any additional information. I look forward to hearing from you.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

CHARLES HATCHER
Member of Congress

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